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Remarks

Applicants herein amend all claims in light of the embodiments allowed in the Office Action of February 23, 2005, as discussed with the Examiner on July 18, 2005. All rejections having been overcome by amendment, Applicants respectfully request allowance.

Applicant's expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-allowed subject matter in a later filed application, such as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application.

Summary of Pending Rejections and Objections

Claims 1-2, 4, 7-15, and 17-34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/103(a) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Armanic, US 6,113,711. (Office Action, ¶ 8)

Claims 1-2, 15, 17, 19-24, 26, 28, 30, 32-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Sugio in light of Armanic, US 6,113,711. (Office Action ¶ 10)

Claims 1-2, 15, 17-18, 20-26, 28, 30, 32-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/103(a) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Liu, US Pub. 2001/00200501. (Office Action ¶12).

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Claims 1-2, 15, 17-18, 20-26, 28, 30, 32-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Liu, US 6,325,869. (Office Action ¶ 14).

Claims 1-2, 15, 17-18, 20-26, 28, 30, 32-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Karabin, US 5,863,359. (Office Action ¶ 16).

Claims 1-2, 15, 17, 20-23, 28, and 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Takemoto, US Pub. 2002/0043460. (Office Action ¶ 18).

Claims 1-2, 15, 17, 20-23, 28, 30, 30 and 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Yoshihara, US Pub. 2002/0014287 or Kawaii. (Office Action ¶ 20).

Claims 1-2, 15, 17, 20-24, 28, 30, and 32-33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a, b)/103(a) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over Yamashita, US 6,231,995 or Yamashita JP Pub.11-071624. (Office Action ¶ 22).

Claims 3, 5-6 and 16 were objected to as being dependant upon rejected claims, but were determined to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have withdrawn claim 3 as it was identical to claim 1 as amended. As this does not affect the scope of claim 3, such amendment is non-limiting in nature.

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All of the rejections and objections in the office action having been traversed, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 103 to all claims is respectfully requested.


It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner would like to suggest changes of a formal nature to place this application in better condition for allowance, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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